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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Your Memorandum of 21 June 1951 on Intelligence Support for Psychological Operations.

1. The analysis of the intelligence needs of psychological operations together with an indication of how they should be met has been found useful in our operations.

2. The breakdown of types of intelligence needed is largely based on a subject matter classification with some attention to possible uses of material or possible methods of processing material. The classification goes into sources of information only incidentally. If attention is concentrated on the problem of what are the available sources of information for psychological warfare, then it is clear that there are important problems to solve. What additional radio programs should be monitored for PW purposes? What additional publications are needed for psychological intelligence? Are interrogations of defectors carried on in the manner so as to produce the greatest amount of information needed for PW?

3. Another problem, which is not discussed in this paper, concerns the security classification of materials. For operating purposes it is desirable to have as low a classification as possible within the requirements of security. The classification of the OCI report as Top Secret means that they are far less useful in the operations than if they had a lower classification. The sources of the OCI reports have a lower classification. The up-grading of such a report greatly reduces its usefulness.

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4. We heartily agree with your statement, (C, 2,c), that the intelligence people should have or get the authority necessary from their own chiefs to enable them to deal directly and informally with their opposite numbers in other agencies.

5. We hope that the budgetary situation in the Department of State will not embarrass the Department in fulfilling requests made by other agencies upon its intelligence support services.

6. This office has already recommended that [ ] of OO increase its analytical services. [ ] Office has already started such an additional service. We hope that a similar service can be established soon in [ ]

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